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Occupy London secret vote OK

Ontario ombudsman. Investigation of fall meeting advises only one small tweak at city hall

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The Ontario ombudsman has cleared city council of wrongdoing in its closed-door Nov. 7 vote to oust Occupy London from Victoria Park.

Andre Marin said he's satisfied councillors stuck to discussing legal matters and voted only for the purpose of giving direction to "officers, employees or agents" of the

city — actions that are permitted by the Municipal Act.

Even before the investigation, Coun. Harold Usher said he felt sure council's actions were "above board."

Going behind closed doors to discuss the issue was done to protect public "safety and security," he said. "Whatever we did, we did for a purpose. It was never intended to be

Citizen action

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The number of complaints Ontario ombudsman Andre Marin received about the closed-door Occupy London vote. To read the report, go to metronews.ca.

malicious."

Marin, who started inves-

tigating complaints about the meeting on Nov. 28, has only one qualm in his report.

"I was concerned about the last-minute addition of the Occupy London matter to the in-camera meeting agenda ... although it met the city's procedural requirements," Marin wrote. "During the investigation, however, I was pleased to learn

the city has taken steps to give better public notice of agenda items."

The city now requires that items added to meeting agendas be given to the city clerk a full business day earlier than before, Marin said. The report recommends the city's procedure bylaw be amended to spell out such requirements.

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL

Nik Dampier, 16, left, and Aistis Cepinskas, 17, both of London, glide around a corner inside Ivey Park (331 Thames St.) on Monday afternoon. Forecasters say the favourable weather will continue for the next few days, with Tuesday reaching a high of 23 C, Wednesday 25 C and Thursday 27 C. Friday, however, calls for a 60 per cent chance of showers. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

Release the hounds!

New Democrats are gearing up to counter Conservative attack ads. Meanwhile, the party holds on to Jack Layton's old riding PAGE 4

It's a Peyton palooza

Move over, Tim Tebow — quarterback Peyton Manning is heading to the Denver Broncos PAGE 20



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On the web

Double helix, double bind

The state of New York will start collecting DNA samples for a permanent database from people who commit even minor crimes like shoplifting or subway-turnstile jumping. Watch at metronews.ca/video

Summer festival

Slash and Bush added to Rock the Park lineup

Organizers of Rock the Park in London have made a couple of big additions to this year's lineup in Harris Park.

Slash has been added to the bill and will kick off the three-day event on Thursday, July 26.

British rockers Bush, and lesser-known group Monster Truck will also perform on the Thursday. Organizers are expected to add another band to play on the 26.

But it will be the former Guns n' Roses guitarist who will headline the first night.

They join other acts already confirmed for Friday and Saturday, including the Steve Miller Band, George Thorogood, David Wilcox and The Romantics on Friday, and Boston, REO Speedwagon, 54-40 and Prism on Saturday.

The festival helps raise money for Bethany's Hope Foundation.

Tickets go on sale on Saturday and can be purchased online at rockthepark.ca or at the Centennial Hall box office. AM980/AM980.CA

Hospital staff

Peer awards honour St. Joseph's employees

Five hospital employees have been honoured with Sisters of St. Joseph Awards for Excellence.

Physiotherapist Shannon McGuire, practical nurse Deb Sims, library technician Elizabeth Pattison, social worker Lynda Parker, and speech pathologist Margo Clinker received their awards Monday.

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Students wait for the bus Monday outside Fanshawe College in London Ont. GEOFF ROBINS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

College responds to Saturday riot

President speaks.

Fanshawe code of conduct changed three years ago so students could be sanctioned for behaviour in community.

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Fanshawe College students convicted of criminal charges in a St. Patrick's Day riot could be expelled, president Howard Rundle said Monday.

Speaking publicly for the first time since the Saturday incident in a student neighbourhood east of the college gates, Rundle said eight students have already been suspended.

"This is unacceptable, it

will not be tolerated, it will not be excused and we will not have those people as students of this college," Rundle said.

"Someone who would throw a brick at someone else, someone who would start a fire ... that kind of person is dangerous on our campus. We don't want them here."

Police are continuing to investigate the riot, which officials have said attracted about 1,000 people to Fleming Drive where a vehicle was torched and beer bottles were pelted at first responders.

The riot comes after college officials thought they were

Howard Rundle
ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

beginning to get a handle on problems in the largely student-populated neighbourhood. Known as a place where parties often got out of control, it's been several years since police have been called in for mobs of people taking over the streets.

The problem, Rundle said Monday, stems from factors including "absentee landlords," social issues like "tolerance of binge drinking" and an "enclave" in the area of Fleming Drive that attracts parties including high-school students.

While he vowed to work with city officials and police on stepped up enforcement, the ultimate solution, Rundle said, is turning the neighbourhood's streets into student residences — something that's not likely to happen in a blink of an eye.

Buying and tearing down single-family homes in exchange for residences would

Police tips

London police are accepting riot-related information, including videos and photographs, via tips@police.london.ca. Tips may be phoned-in to 519-661-5842 or to Crime Stoppers.

be "prohibitively expensive," Rundle said.

"That was not an incident at Fanshawe College. It was an incident in an enclave (of) this city that did involve a number of our students because they live there," the president said. "There were people from other institutions (at the riot), and there were even those from outside London. That's what happens when a student enclave develops in a city. It earns a reputation and it attracts people."

Fashion show. Strutting the charity catwalk

A team of local retailers will unveil the hottest styles in their spring lines Tuesday in an effort to raise money for an agency that helps job seekers look their best.

Models will hit the runway for Clothing Works' annual fashion show at 5:30 p.m. at the Best Western Lamplighter Inn (591 Wellington Rd.).

The show is the largest fundraiser of the year for the non-profit that provides free makeovers and clothing for people. Last year's event raised \$30,000.

Funding is hard to come by for the agency since it doesn't fit into a specific niche, project manager Gwenne Hudson said.

"We serve that people that are living in poverty, we serve newcomers (to Canada), we serve youth," Hudson said. "Sometimes people (miss) the big picture of what Clothing Works is doing for so many people."

Proceeds from the show help with operations and programming. Clothing given to the agency's clients is donated by professional organizations and individuals, Hudson said.

More than 8,000 people — referred through employment-counselling and training agencies — have benefited from the agency since it opened in 1998.

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO LONDON

Donations

Bethesda donations add up

More than \$25,500 has been donated toward saving the Bethesda Centre, a Salvation Army facility for teen mothers that officials say will close in June if \$1.5 million isn't raised by May 31. METRO

Restaurant anniversary

Free burgers at The Works

The Works is celebrating its 10th anniversary by offering patrons a free burger Tuesday (11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.). METRO

Methadone clinics. Zoning rules at final vote

City council could seal the deal Tuesday on rules governing where methadone clinics could open.

Councillors are expected to vote on the issue after receiving a legal opinion that addresses concerns, including some from the Ontario Human Rights Commission, raised about the new rules last month.

If the proposal moves ahead as it stands, clinics would have to be at least 300 metres from places including arenas, libraries, pools, schools and the Western Fair District. The rules — which also require adequate waiting rooms and parking — would only apply to facilities

that serve 30 or more methadone patients a day.

Councillors will also consider a separate proposal spelling out licensing regulations for businesses that dispense methadone.

The licensing provisions, Coun. Joe Swan said, needs "fine-tuning."

"They're weak," he said Monday. "They offer us no assurance that the city has the right tools to enforce the by-law." ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Joe Swan
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Health care. Province to launch new model for hospital funding

The governing Liberals are moving ahead with changes that will affect the way most Ontario hospitals are funded.

Starting in April, the province will begin reimbursing 91 hospitals for the care they provide, rather than providing only lump sum payments.

Health Minister Deb Matthews says 55 smaller hospitals won't be part of the new funding model.

Of the 91 hospitals affected by the change, Matthews says 60 per cent will see an increase in funding, while 40 per cent will get slightly less.

The "patient-based" funding model — first promised in 2010 — will comprise almost half of hospital funding this year, ramping up to 70 per cent in 2014.

That means a portion of hospitals' funding would be based on criteria such as how



Deb Matthews. METRO FILE

many patients they have, the services they deliver and the specific needs of the population.

The province will also allocate money for four procedures: hip replacement, knee replacement, cataract surgery and dialysis and other treatments for kidney disease.

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Education. Student Life Centre at King's University College a go

Construction is about to start on King's University College's Darryl J. King Student Life Centre. The site is being prepared this week on the multi-million-dollar project, which is slated for completion next summer.

Construction of the centre is expected to create nearly 110 construction jobs, representing more than \$4 million in income generated in the city according to the London Economic Development Corp. An additional 90 indirect jobs are expected from the construction.

The student life centre will be a 40,000-sq.-ft. facility that will serve as the social and intellectual hub of King's. The centre will integrate a learn-

By the numbers

\$14.7M

Estimated cost of the centre, with \$9 million to be raised through philanthropic support, which already includes a \$2.4-million contribution by students.

ing common area, student services, as well as social, spiritual, and recreational spaces.

The centre is named after Darryl J. King (BA '97 history), president of Cambridge-based Logikor Inc., in recognition of his \$1-million gift — the largest donation ever made by a King's alumni.

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Lightning take control of championship series

Basketball playoffs.

London can wrap up final series after a 113-96 Game 2 win over the Halifax Rainmen

JOHN MATISZ
Metro

All season long, the London Lightning's recipe for a championship has revolved around dressing a roster that can score by committee.

Against the Halifax Rainmen Monday night, the National Basketball League of Canada's (NBL) top regular season team used all their ingredients to cruise to a 113-96 victory.

Since Game 2 could potentially be their final home game of the season, it was only fitting the 2,543 assembled at the John Labatt Centre witnessed prototypical Lightning basketball.

If they win Wednesday night, they'll become the NBL's inaugural champions — and will have done so by sweeping through the playoffs with a 5-0 record.

General manager Taylor Brown and head coach Michael Ray Richardson traded for a number of key pieces before the trade deadline in order to add depth to their bench. And although three starters collected 21 points or more, depth players still contributed a cool 47.

"Our bench comes through every time," Brown said. "(The collection of guys who step up) is always different."

Aside from Michael King, all 12 Lightning players nabbed points.

The Lightning's offence was sparked by the lethal

Adding up to a win

The series heads eastward now, with games 3 and 4 (if necessary) taking place in Halifax Wednesday and Thursday. The Lightning are 2-1 at the Halifax Metro Centre this year.

- **42.** Number of London points in the paint
- **33.3.** Three-point shooting percentage of Lightning
- **3.** London players with at least 21 points

combination of shooting guard Eddie Smith and small forward Tim Ellis, with the former finishing with 25 points and the latter with 21 points, as well as 11 rebounds.

League MVP Gabe Freeman recorded yet another double-double — his 29th of the season — with a 21-point, 13-rebound effort.

Stating the Lightning will "for sure" close out the series Wednesday, Freeman charismatically guaranteed a championship to the city of London.

"It's not an option to come back here," he said, nodding his head in approval. "The option is to come back to have a parade, nothing else."

The victory was not a complete cakewalk, however, as a 33-19 third quarter from the Rainmen threatened the home team's 24-point lead at halftime.

"Tonight wasn't easy," Freeman said, "but we played together. When we play together, we're going to win."

Halifax head coach Josep Claros Canals, who was tagged with a technical foul in the third quarter, declined to speak to the media after.



London Lightning's Mike King tries to stop Halifax Rainmen's Taliek Brown as he drives to the basket during Game 2 of the National Basketball League of Canada championship series in London on Monday. London won 113-96.

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Child abandonment

Mom gets drunk, leaves baby in pile of leaves: RCMP

A seven-month-old girl is fine after her mother allegedly got drunk early on St. Patrick's Day and left her in a pile of leaves near a Portage la Prairie, Man., school.

RCMP said a cyclist

riding past a school at about 3:45 a.m. Saturday heard a noise that sounded like a cat. Stopping to check it out, he found a baby girl lying in a pile of leaves near the steps of the school.

RCMP have arrested the mother, 28, and charged her with child abandonment. Her name will not be released to protect the child's identity. **ELISHA DACEY/METRO**

Byelection

Layton's Toronto-Danforth riding easily stays NDP

The New Democrats have hung on to the late Jack Layton's riding. Preliminary byelection results give NDP candidate Craig Scott close to 60 per cent of the vote. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



NDP candidate Craig Scott
PAWEL DWULITY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sexual assault

Cameras banned from disgraced coach's trial

A Manitoba judge says allowing cameras to broadcast the sentencing of disgraced former hockey coach Graham James for sexual abuse would turn the highly charged case into a spectacle

and could violate the sex offender's privacy.

Judge Catherine Carlson denied an application Monday by a media consortium to set up two live TV cameras in the Winnipeg courtroom where James will learn his fate Tuesday.

James pleaded guilty in December to repeated sexual assaults on two former junior players, Theo Fleury and Todd Holt. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Aveos layoffs could cause flight delays: Air Canada

Unrepaired planes.

Nearly 3,000 passengers daily could be affected if planes aren't promptly returned to service

Air Canada said Monday it could be forced to cancel flights and strand thousands of passengers if the maintenance company that obtained creditor protection Monday is unable to complete repairs to several planes.

Despite saying earlier in the day it won't be affected by the closure, the airline's lawyers argued in vain Monday for a Quebec Superior Court judge to order Aveos Fleet Performance to not lay off more workers and meet its obligations to complete the repairs.

Three wide-body planes and several narrow-body aircraft are sitting in Aveos facilities across the country, some missing landing gear.

Air Canada lawyer Louis Belanger said the next 24 to 48 hours will be crucial in determining if the aircraft repairs can be completed on schedule. He said nearly 3,000

passengers daily could be affected if the planes aren't promptly returned to service.

Despite what it argued in court, Air Canada said in a news release that its fleet's maintenance and repair activities are done in-house and won't be affected by the plant closures.

"The airline's line maintenance has always been performed directly by Air Canada, at the airline's own facilities by Air Canada's 2,300 maintenance employees," the airline said in a statement.

"The airline typically performs its line maintenance activities overnight or between flights, as necessary."

Montreal-based Aveos said it has permanently shut its airframe repair business. The move will affect about 1,800 of the company's 2,600 employees.

The remaining employees repairing engines and components such as landing gear have not been let go but it wasn't immediately clear when they will be called back to work.

Aveos said it will be able to restart operations if it can secure liquidity and develop a restructuring plan.

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Aveos workers demonstrate near the Winnipeg Richardson Airport on Monday after being locked out Sunday. Nearly 350 jobs in Winnipeg are in danger of being lost. **BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO WINNIPEG**

Dispute

- Aveos shut down three main plants in Vancouver, Winnipeg and Montreal, as well as other facilities in Edmonton, Calgary, Trenton and Mississauga, Ont.
- The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers maintains Air Canada caused the problems at Aveos by sending its heavy aircraft maintenance business to other providers.
- The IAMAW said the layoff of Aveos workers is a violation of the Air Canada Public Participation Act and it wants the federal government to intervene.
- The union contends the government and Canada Industrial Relations Board should have done more to ensure Aveos was financially viable before approving the transfer of workers from Air Canada.
- Aveos argues Air Canada is responsible for \$10 million in severance payments owed to laid off airframe workers.

NDP ready to counter expected Tory attack ads



This screengrab shows a new Conservative Party of Canada ad attacking interim Liberal Leader Bob Rae. **CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF CANADA**

The NDP is preparing a "significant" ad campaign to promote its new leader before the Conservatives get a chance to taint Canadians' first impressions with attack ads of their own.

The new leader, to be chosen Saturday, will have to approve the plan but the idea is to beat the Tories to the punch.

"The NDP is not going to be caught flat-footed. We are going to be defining our own leader to the public," NDP spokeswoman Sally Housser said in an interview.

The Conservatives have successfully launched attack ads that helped demolish the reputations of the last two Liberal leaders, Stéphane Dion and Michael Ignatieff. The ads portrayed Dion as ineffectual, weak and "not a leader," and Ignatieff as an opportunistic interloper who was "just visiting" Canada and "didn't come back for you."

Liberals agreed at their convention in January to set aside cash to promote and defend their next permanent leader, who is to be chosen next spring.

The NDP has also learned from the Liberals' experience that Tory attack ads can't be allowed to go unchallenged.

"We've set aside funds for a significant ad buy," said Housser.

NDP officials have no doubt the Tories plan to smear their party's new leader. They've already had a taste of things to come in the House of Commons, where Conservative MPs have for months been repeating the mantra that the NDP is "not fit to govern."

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Liberal smear campaign

- The Tories launched an ad campaign this week against interim Liberal Leader Bob Rae, accusing him of turning Ontario "into the welfare capital of Canada" during his term as NDP premier in the 1990s.
- In the past, cash-strapped Liberals couldn't afford to fight back with ads of their own, letting the Tory attack ads go unanswered.

Sarkozy condemns attack on Jewish school

Toulouse, France.
Children, rabbi killed
in front of school

A motorcycle assailant opened fire with two handguns Monday in front of a Jewish school in the French city of Toulouse, killing a rabbi, his two young sons and a schoolgirl. One of the guns had also been used in other deadly motorcycle attacks in the area, officials said.

A 30-year-old rabbi and his three-year-old and six-year-old sons were killed just before classes started at the Ozar Hatorah school, a junior high and high school in a quiet residential neighbourhood, Toulouse Prosecutor Michel Valet

said.

Another child, the eight-year-old daughter of the school principal, was also killed, school officials said. Valet said a 17-year-old boy was also seriously wounded and in the operating ward of a city hospital.

"He shot at everything he had in front of him, children and adults," Valet said. "The children were chased inside the school."

Authorities ordered increased security at schools and synagogues around the country after an attack that revolted France, where school shootings and deadly attacks on Jews are extremely rare. The third motorcycle-based slaying in the area in a week, it

Tragedy

"Barbarity, savagery, cruelty cannot win. Hate cannot win. We will find him."

Nicolas Sarkozy, French president

produced high-level uproar in Israel and drew condemnation from the U.S. government.

French prosecutors were studying possible terrorist links, but the motive for all three attacks was unclear.

News that the gun was used in attacks last week around Toulouse fuelled suspicions that a serial killer is targeting French minorities, and

not only Jews. The dead and injured in the earlier attacks were paratroopers of North African and Caribbean origin.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy rushed to Toulouse to visit the school with Richard Prasquier, the president of CRIF, the umbrella group representing Jewish organizations.

Sarkozy denounced "the savagery" of the attack and vowed to track down the killer or killers.

He ordered increased security at Jewish and Muslim buildings around Toulouse, while his prime minister told officials to "secure" all school and religious buildings in the entire country.

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Students comfort each other at the Ozar Hatorah Jewish school in Toulouse, southwestern France, on Monday. REMY DE LA MAUVINIÈRE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Zoo escape

Koga breaks free from zoo cage

A 180-kilogram gorilla that escaped from its cage at an upstate New York zoo and bit a zookeeper has been captured in a zookeepers' lounge and tranquilized.

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First address

Middleton gives speech to children's hospice

Catherine Middleton, the Duchess of Cambridge, delivered her first public address at East Anglia's Children's Hospice in Ipswich, Monday.

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Britain's Duchess of Cambridge makes a speech during a visit to Ipswich. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Decision

Courts to cig firms: Make your warnings bigger

A U.S. appeals court has upheld a law requiring new, bigger graphic warning labels on cigarette packs.

The lawsuit is one of two. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Legacy of benefits

U.S. court unsure who owns dead father's pension

Should babies conceived using the frozen sperm of their deceased father get his government pension fund survivor benefits?

The U.S. Supreme Court grappled with that question

Monday, following government officials' rejection of a benefits claim from Florida twins whose mother used her husband's frozen sperm to conceive them after his death.

The case had justices trying to apply a 1930s law to a modern situation where a father can save his sperm and allow a spouse to have his children months or years after his death.

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Obama heads west to tout new pipeline

Energy policies.

Republicans attack President Obama for rising gas prices and for rejecting Keystone XL in January

U.S. President Barack Obama will head west this week to the Oklahoma town that's the southern starting point of TransCanada's controversial Keystone XL pipeline.

Obama will make a speech in Cushing, where the pipes that will be used to build the pipeline to the Gulf Coast are

being housed. He'll also make stops in Nevada, New Mexico and Ohio.

The trip comes as the president's public approval ratings drop almost in concert with soaring pump prices. Republicans blame Obama's energy policies for rising gas prices and continue to attack him for rejecting Keystone XL in January.

White House press secretary Jay Carney denied that Obama's trek west was a publicity stunt aimed at propping up his sagging poll numbers.

"Most Americans understand that that's baloney," Carney said.

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Pipeline's promising

Obama's recent praise of TransCanada's decision signalled a shift in attitude from the White House after it rejected the pipeline outright in January.

- **Distance in dollars.** The \$7.6-billion pipeline would stretch from Alberta's oilsands through six U.S. states to the Gulf Coast.



Twitter draws attention to bus-wheel cleavage

Alberta Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith unveiled her party's campaign bus in Edmonton on Monday. The unveiling of her campaign bus has gone viral on Twitter, but not for any reasons related to the upcoming election. The bus includes a large picture of Smith on the side, with the two rear wheels over her chest. TWITTER.COM/HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sex workers. B.C. police consider new guidelines

A man whose sister is believed to have been murdered on Robert Pickton's farm says he's surprised the Vancouver police may adopt new guidelines for officers to treat sex workers

with dignity and respect.

Ernie Crey, whose sister Dawn disappeared in 2000, says he didn't know treating women with dignity was optional for police officers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Search and rescue. Swiss man survives avalanche

Five people were killed and one person was dug out alive after Swiss and French skiers were buried by an avalanche Monday on Norway's Arctic fringe.

Four Swiss and one French skier died in the avalanche, which was 600 metres long. The last victim was buried under six metres of snow.

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Balloon pilot helped save his passengers before deadly fall

Georgia. Investigators believe stormy winds collapsed the hot-air balloon, twisting it into the shape of a streamer

A hot-air balloon pilot found a safe spot for his skydiving passengers to bail out just before a thunderstorm sucked in his craft and sent him plummeting to his death.

Searchers found the body of 63-year-old Edward Ristaino on Monday after combing the woods in south Georgia with helicopters, airplanes, horses and all-terrain vehicles. Ben Hill County Sheriff Bobby McLemore said a helicopter spotted the balloon, and searchers on the ground then found the North Carolina resident dead.

Ristaino was ferrying the five skydivers Friday night when the fast-developing storm struck. Two of the skydivers say Ristaino kept them safe by spotting a field where they could safely parachute and telling them to jump as the storm approached.

"If we would have left a minute later, we would have been sucked into the storm," said skydiver Dan Eaton of Augusta, Ga.

He said he didn't think Ristaino's choice to embark on the trip was reckless.

They took off into a blue sky from a festival in Fitzgerald, Ga. From the air, they could see only a fog-like haze that later turned into a fierce thunderstorm.

The storm "came out of nowhere," said skydiver Jessica Wesnofske of Cornelia, Ga.

Wesnofske said winds from the storm whipped and rocked her parachute on the way down, making her realize how strong the storm had become.

"By the time we got to the ground, the lightning was hitting the ground," Wesnofske said. "There was spider lightning across the sky."

The chaotic nature of the storm complicated searchers' efforts to figure out exactly where the balloon crashed. Authorities used radar images of the storm to help guide the 50 to 75 searchers.

"We're dealing with a storm here with a lot of cross currents at different altitudes, so that's why the area is so large," McLemore said.

Making the task harder, McLemore said: "It's going to be a very small object to be looking for."

The balloon was found east of Fitzgerald, the sheriff said. It was draped over the passenger basket in a heavily wooded area.

National Weather Service meteorologist Todd Leri-

Into the clouds

• **Communication.** As the storm lifted Ristaino into the clouds, he was using a walkie-talkie to speak with his ground crew, Sheriff McLemore said.

• **Updraft.** "He (said) he had gone into the clouds, that an updraft had taken him up to 17,000, 18,000 feet," McLemore said.

• **Then he saw trees.** At some point, authorities believe the storm's winds collapsed the balloon and twisted it into the shape of a streamer. The last time anyone heard from the pilot, McLemore said, he saw trees beneath him.

• **Last words.** "He had just made the statement: 'I'm at 2,000 feet and I see trees,' and that was his last transmission," McLemore said.

cos in Tallahassee, Fla., said most of southwest Georgia was sunny on Friday, but scattered thunderstorms were developing.

"It started off as just a red dot on the radar and then it mushroomed very quickly into a big storm. This one just popped up out of the blue," McLemore added.

Ristaino worked in the medical field and owned Lake Norman Balloon Co., which has the same listed address and phone number as his home in Corneliuss, N.C., north of Charlotte.

Lake Norman is a popular area for balloon sightseeing tours, with at least five other companies based in the area.

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Colorado wildfires contained

A wildfire sends up a huge wall of smoke Sunday, forcing authorities to temporarily close a section of U.S. Highway 34, east of Yuma County, Colo. Residents of the small town of Eckley have been allowed to return home after firefighters contained most of the wildfire. TONY RAY/LAURENCE/PHOTOGRAPH BY AP

Village in England

Englishman nettles neighbours with Nazi salutes

A British math teacher was convicted Monday of harassing his German neighbours with loud wartime music and Nazi salutes.

Prosecutors said Geoffrey Butler, 54, caused Reinhard and Kathryn Wendt four years of misery, among other things miming a Nazi salute and a Hitler moustache, playing a Winston Churchill speech and blasting patriotic British songs like "Rule Britannia."

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Myanmar

Second World War mortar kills child

A security official in Myanmar says a mortar round left over from the Second World War has exploded accidentally for the second time in the country, killing a 12-year-old boy and two other people. The official said the blast occurred Monday in Mandalay as it was being dismantled for scrap metal at a smelting plant.

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Planning ahead

"Something like this is a very rare occurrence because we have so much weather data available to us these days.... If you think something like this is going to happen, you just stay on the ground."

Troy Bradley, president of the Balloon Federation of America
Bradley could recall just one other example in recent years of accidents involving storms.

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Fair play

Toy company makes ethical list

A think-tank that promotes business ethics and corporate social responsibility has named Rhode Island-based Hasbro Inc. one of the world's most ethical companies.

The New York-based Ethisphere Institute says the toy maker is one of 145 companies on the list this year. This is the first time Hasbro is on

the list.

Ethisphere has done the rankings for six years.

Ethisphere says the companies on the list follow ethical business practices and go beyond legal compliance minimums. Companies can either nominate themselves or be nominated by others.

Hasbro calls it an honour to be selected and says that integrity is a central part of its business.

Other companies on the list include Starbucks, Whole Foods, eBay, Aflac, PepsiCo and UPS. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Net worth

Canada's online economy lagging

Canada's Internet economy is expected to grow by 7.4 per cent a year through 2016, better than the country's overall GDP but still lagging many global peers, according to a new study commissioned by Google.

The international study, conducted for Google by Boston Consulting Group, found that the Internet ac-

counted for about \$49 billion or three per cent of Canada's GDP in 2010, the latest year for which information was available.

However, that was lower than the G20 average of about 4.1 per cent of GDP and put Canada ninth among the G20 pack.

By 2016, the online economy's percentage of Canadian GDP is expected to reach 3.6 per cent, falling further behind an expected G20 average of 5.3 per cent, the study said.

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Apple offers buyback, dividend

Shareholders rewarded. Tech giant will pay quarterly dividend of \$2.65 per share starting July 1

Thirty-six years after its founding, Apple Inc. is finally loosening up its purse strings to reward shareholders directly, by instituting a dividend and share buyback program.

Investors had been expecting Monday's announcement, driving up Apple shares 37 per cent since management hinted in January that a dividend was in the works.

Apple, the world's most valuable company, sits on \$97.6 billion in cash and securities. For years, CEO Steve Jobs resisted calls to reward shareholders with some of that money.

He used to say that the money was better used to give Apple manoeuvring room, for instance by giving it the ability to buy other companies.

On Monday, new CEO Tim Cook said that with this much cash on hand, a dividend wouldn't restrain the company's options.

"These decisions will not close any doors for us," he told analysts and reporters on a conference call.

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Licensing lawsuit

A group of prominent Chinese writers have demanded millions of dollars in compensation from Apple.

- The writers are seeking compensation for allegedly selling unlicensed versions of their books in its online store, a lawyer said Monday.

- Three separate lawsuits have been filed on behalf of 12 writers who allege 59 of their titles were sold unlicensed through Apple's iTunes online store.

- The three suits together demand \$3.5 million US in compensation from the technology giant, Wang said.



The newest iPad is displayed during an Apple event in San Francisco. PAUL SAKUMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fresh move. Starbucks set to enter juice market

Starbucks is pushing beyond coffee with the opening of the first Evolution Fresh juice store, the company said Monday.

Starbucks, which is looking for new businesses for growth, purchased the California-based juice maker in November for \$30 million. Evolution Fresh had been selling its juices in grocery stores such as Whole Foods. The first Evolution Fresh store is in Bellevue, Wash.

Aside from juices, Starbucks says Evolution Fresh shops will have wraps, soups, salads, vege-



Starbucks expands offerings beyond coffee. PAUL SAKUMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

tarian and vegan options, and other offerings.

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Snack attack. Wendy's edges Burger King in sales

Wendy's has dethroned Burger King as the country's second-biggest hamburger chain.

Wendy's edged out Burger King in U.S. sales volume for the first time last year since Wendy's was founded in 1969, according to a report by food industry research firm Technomic that's set to be released next month.

Wendy's had sales of \$8.5 billion in 2011, compared with \$8.4 billion for Burger

King. McDonald's remained far larger than both with \$34.2 billion in sales.

Both Burger King and Wendy's have struggled in recent years to keep up with the growth of McDonald's, which has managed to keep prices low through the recession.

Sales are up 26 per cent in the past five years at McDonald's, up 9 per cent at Wendy's and flat at Burger King, according to Technomic. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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SHE SAYS...
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realize the very subtle way in which the words that come out of our mouths are actually completely different from the intention behind them.

In an effort clear up some of the confusion I've created a little decoder to help understand the meaning behind some common female phrases. A She Says column on the things she says. Clever, right?

Read on and be sure not to take any of this too seriously.

"I'm fine."

Wow, she is totally NOT fine. She couldn't be further from fine. If a girl is doing well, she doesn't say "fine." She'll use words like "great," "good" and, if she's particularly enthusiastic, "amazing." Saying "I'm fine" is just a passive-aggressive technique we use to let you know that something's wrong and that it's more than likely your fault. See also: "It's fine" and "We're fine."

Girlfriend wants to bail

"She is halfway through a bottle of wine and wants nothing more than to watch a marathon of Downton Abbey while wearing embarrassingly oversized sweatpants."

through a bottle of wine and wants nothing more than to watch a marathon of Downton Abbey while wearing embarrassingly oversized sweatpants.

"I have a lot of guy friends."

Because other women can't stand her. She'll tell you she hates drama, but in reality it probably has more to do with her inability to get along with other females. Famous women who have uttered this phrase include The Bachelor's latest she-villain Courtney Robertson and Angelina "Husband stealing" Jolie.

"I don't understand what the big deal is about Ryan Gosling."

Fact: Nobody is more charming than Ryan Gosling. It's sweet that your girl might try to protect your ego by feigning indifference towards this ridiculously handsome movie star, but she's lying to you. Want proof? Check out this thing called the "Internet" and see just how vast the Gosling fangirl universe really is.

"I'm not mad, I'm just disappointed."

But also she's super mad.

Girls have a lot of thing to say; I think the countless S-t Girls Say video parodies are proving that point ad nauseum. But more often than not (read: all the time) a lot of men don't

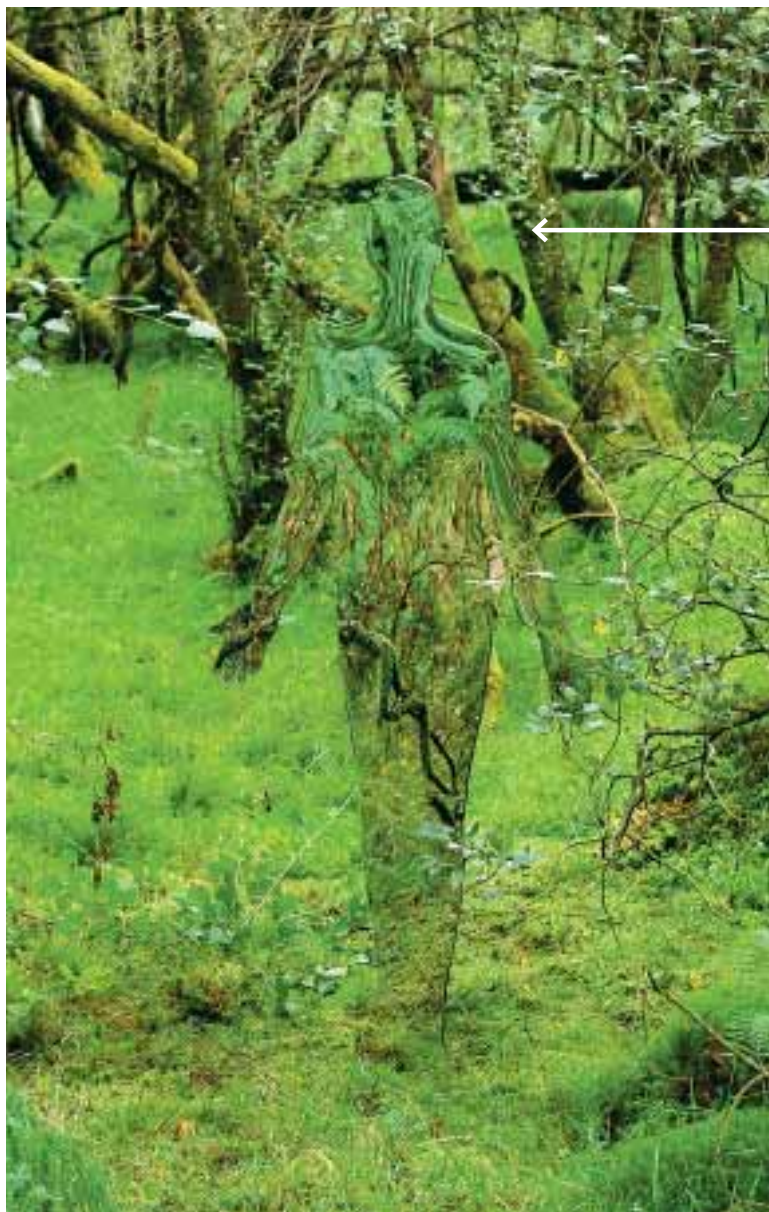
"I really like that guy's hair."

You need a haircut.

"Did you still want to meet up tonight?"

If a girl actually wants to go out on the town, she'll pose the question "Where are we meeting?" If she wants to subtly hint at the fact that she would like to bail on you, she'll use this phrase. In reality, she has no desire to leave her house; she is halfway

Mirror, mirror, in the woods



ROB MULHOLLAND/REX FEATURES

Part of the scenery

'Invisible' people spotted in forest

"Invisible" figures that appear to blend into the environment have been spotted in Scottish woodland. No, it's not something paranormal — it's an art installation. Rob Mulholland's series of six mirrored figures reflect the images of their environments to give the invisibility illusion. **MWN**

'A visible metaphor'



Rob Mulholland with a figure.

Reflecting the past

What inspired your art?

I first did some mirrored foxes as a visible metaphor of their elusiveness. I took that idea to the next level and used figures of people.

What's so special about the woodland in the Trossachs?

I discovered that after World War I much of this area was depopulated to accommodate an in-demand timber industry. These figures are meant to echo the past settlements of people that once lived here.

People say these figures look like the "invisible" alien life forms in the Predator movies? Were they inspiration?

Not at all! It's pure accident they look the same. At first I never saw the similarity. Sometimes as an artist you're stuck in a bubble and you can't see the wood for the trees!

ANTHONY JOHNSTON/MWN

Weird news

Chinese émigrés seek French entrée

Thousands of people in China are trying to write their own ticket out of the country — in French.

Chinese desperate to emigrate have discovered a backdoor into Canada that involves applying for entry into the country's francophone province of Quebec — as long as they have a good working knowledge of the local lingo.

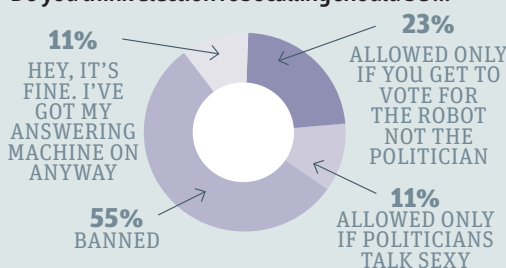
So, while learning French as an additional language is losing ground in many parts of the world — even as Mandarin classes proliferate because of China's rise on the international stage — many Chinese are busy learning how to say, "Bonjour, je m'appelle Zhang."

Yin Shanshan, 25, said the French class she takes in the port city of Tianjin near Beijing even includes primers on Quebec's history and its geography. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Fight scenes deliver a knockout punch

The Raid. Film's writer-director sets a new standard for big-screen showdowns with his use of a little known Indonesian martial art style

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Metro World News in Hollywood

After decades of action movies and ass-kicking opuses from all across the globe, it's rare for audiences today to see something that truly knocks them out, much less that's original.

But Gareth Evans' *The Raid: Redemption* has set a new standard for the creative ways in which filmmakers can stage big-screen showdowns — in terms of technique, quality and even quantity.

No movie since the last *Matrix* installment has featured so many people fighting so furiously all at once, over and over.

If you ask the writer-director how he arrived at that style as opposed to more familiar forms of fisticuffs, however, Evans says he was primarily interested in introducing the world to the Indonesian form of martial arts known as silat, even as he constructed his brilliantly straightforward tale of a group of SWAT team members trying to fight their way out of a drug dealer's fortress-like tenement building.

"In terms of Indonesia, we're still in our infancy when it comes to action films," Evans says.

"We're huge fans of action cinema from America, from Hong Kong, from Thailand, but we're very aware of the fact that we can't replicate those.

"So we needed to create this style of fighting — and screen fighting — which doesn't feel like it existed that much before."

While other movies have embraced the absurdity of the choreography to create larger-than-life sequences, Evans said he wanted his fights to function realistically, even if he concedes that they're a lot longer than his heroes could possibly endure.

"Every movement has to feel like it's grounded in reality," the filmmaker explained.



The Raid opens in theatres this Friday. HANDOUT

Fighting to get noticed

"In terms of Indonesia, we're still in our infancy when it comes to action films."

Gareth Evans, *The Raid* director and writer, about the fighting style in his new film.

"So even though the duration of the fight is the exaggerated part of it, all of the movements feel real. And you get that feeling when you watch the film that if you studied that martial art too, you could do all of the movements as well."

The film's red-hot reception at film festivals over

the past several months inspired its distributor, Sony Pictures Classics, to bankroll not one but two more movies in the series.

But even with stateside studios knocking down his door, Evans said he's happier to keep fighting for his own ideas than taking a victory lap using someone else's.

"In terms of Hollywood, I'm not interested really in major big-budget stuff," he revealed.

"My love is for the type of film that I can feel passionately about in every page of the script and every line of dialogue.

"The most ideal situation for me is to find that one person that's going to support me to make the film that I want to make."

"I definitely want to make movies out here," he added. "But it's got to be the right film, and the right circumstances too."

DVD reviews

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo

Director. David Fincher

Stars. Daniel Craig, Rooney Mara

Is David Fincher's tattooed Girl, this time with Rooney Mara instead of Noomi Rapace as the ruthless, messed-up computer hacker, any better than the Swedish original? Does it matter?

Dirtier, more violent and marginally more complicated than its Scandinavian forebear, Fincher's stab at Stieg Larsson's first Millennium trilogy novel manages to stand on its own merits.

While the pace is slow and there are some flat performances (particularly by Craig), there remain two reasons to drag out the *Dragon Tattoo* gun again: the incendiary performance of Oscar-nominated Mara, and the score by Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross. It's another improvement from the original film that helps build the dire mood.



Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy

Director. Tomas Alfredson

Stars. Gary Oldman, Colin Firth

"Nothing is genuine anymore," a character sighs in *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*, but he couldn't be more wrong.

This film is the real deal, set in pre-digital 1970s. Based on the bestselling 1974 John le Carré novel, which also spawned a memorable 1979 TV miniseries, it's a movie of chain smokers and whisperers, of rattling tea cups and rotary-dialed telephones.

Oscar-nommed Gary Oldman brilliantly assumes the role of stone-faced George Smiley, an ex-British Secret Service man brought out of retirement to search for a Soviet mole who has infiltrated the MI6. *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy* is not just a movie about intelligence, it's an intelligent movie.

PETER HOWELL

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SCENE



Scene in brief

Beyoncé gets back to work

Beyoncé is set to return to the stage for the first time since giving birth to daughter Blue Ivy. The Grammy winner will perform three concerts in New Jersey in May at Atlantic City's Revel Resorts. Revel said Monday that the shows will be held over Memorial Day weekend for the premiere of the \$2.4 billion resort. Beyoncé gave birth to her first child in January with husband and rapper Jay-Z. Tickets for the May 25 through May 27 concerts go on sale April 6. Beyoncé will perform in the Ovation Hall, which has 5,050 seats.

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On the Web



R.J. Smith paints a complex portrait of James Brown in *The One*

The fifth season of *Mad Men* debuts in the U.S. on March 25, so prepare yourself for more shameless behaviour. Our hero's a drunk, his boss is a womanizer and the women have issues, too. Here's our self-help advice for our favourite characters — apply if necessary.

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Analyzing the Mad in Men

Don Draper

VICES

Draper, head of creative at the ad agency, blocks out his past and his feelings. He smokes, drinks and has many lovers and cheats.

SOLUTION

"Smoking, drinking and having indiscriminate sex are all mind numbing activities and ways for Don Draper to ignore his history," says psychotherapist Jonathan Alpert, author of the self help book *Be Fearless*. "They serve as a distraction from the real issue: himself."

The more he indulges, the less he has to deal with.

"Draper needs to spend less time thinking the world owes him and more time trying to understand his past. He also needs to find a female role model to make up for his tumultuous past that was absent of one."



Joan Harris

VICES

Office manager Joan loves bad boys, sex and tight dresses. She comes across as sassy and bold but inside, she's vulnerable and afraid of ending up alone. She is pregnant with her ex lover's child (former boss Roger Sterling) but tells her husband it's his.

SOLUTION

"Instead of using her body as a means to get things, she should try using her mind," says Alpert. "By relying on her body to leverage what she wants people only get to know her in that way."



Roger Sterling

VICES

Multiple heart attacks haven't slowed down Sterling's (very) heavy smoking and drinking. He believes every problem can be solved with or over a drink. He has a penchant for younger women and still has feelings for his ex girlfriend, Joan Harris.

SOLUTION

Sterling has a grand sense of entitlement. "He's been handed everything," says Alpert.

Roger should ask himself: who am I, if not an agency owner?



Peggy Olsen

VICES

Workaholic Peggy is desperately striving for professional recognition in a male-dominated world.

She's had a baby out of wedlock after an affair with a married man. Her denial of the pregnancy was so intense she was unaware of her condition until she went into labor.

SOLUTION

"Peggy Olsen compensates for her apparent insecurities by throwing herself into work," says Alpert.

"This distracts her from the real problem: her inability to be intimate and deal with lingering issues of guilt around sex and religion," he adds.



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LIFE

Lawsuit

Plastic surgery

French actress Emmanuelle Béart, whose face is distorted from too many operations, launched an open attack against blotched plastic surgery. Just get old!

On the Web



Is 'pink slime' in your burger? You may not know until it's in your mouth - or ever

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There is no doubting that Waffle Weiney's cheap eats are not intended for the calorie-conscious.

Serving gourmet "Dude Dogs" and sliders from a small storefront, its suggestive slogan, bright orange branding and light-hearted sense of humour create a relaxed atmosphere.

The menu is initially stupefying, offering an original yet unimaginable number of

options. I decide to have the Cheese Waffle Weiney (\$3.50) and Classic Nachos (\$4.50). Preparation is not too streamlined so a lone attendant prepares each individually, taking a considerable amount of time.

The beef hotdog tastes good surrounded by waffle much like a Pogo but sweeter and

crispier. Bitter Stadium Mustard adds contrast.

The baked nachos are loaded with chili, fresh custom toppings and so much cheese. It is a mountain of food.

Waffle Weiney will attract those looking for comfort food that fills a hunger. It may not be the choice for everyday, but it is certainly unique.

Visiting the restaurant

Waffle Weiney

Address: 629 Richmond St. (at Hyman)

Rating: 3.5/5

Rice range: \$3.50 - \$8.50

Reservations: No

Client negotiations: No

Lunch with co-workers: No

Social lunch: No

Quick solo lunch: Yes

Lighter options for spring

While most varieties of meatballs pack 74 calories and more than four grams of fat per ball, this recipe cuts calories down to 36 and less than a gram of fat per meatball.

1 Heat oven to 190 C (375 F). Then in bowl, combine turkey breast and ground beef, and mix gently.

2 In a blender, combine 75 ml (1/3 cup) of the chicken broth, onion and egg white. Blend until finely chopped.

Ingredients

- 250 g (8 oz) extra-lean ground turkey breast
- 175 g (6 oz) lean ground beef
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth, divided
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped yellow onion
- 1 egg white
- 500 ml (2 cups) puffed brown rice cereal
- Salt, to taste
- Red pepper flakes, to taste
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) evaporated fat free milk
- 5 ml (1 tsp) arrowroot powder
- Olive oil cooking spray
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) no-sugar spiced cranberry sauce



This recipe makes 20 meatballs. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

about 15 seconds. Add puffed rice and blend to make a thick paste.

3 Add egg mixture to meats, then season with salt and red pepper flakes. Divide mixture into 20 even mounds, using about 15 ml (1 tbsp) each. Shape each into a ball using slightly wet hands to help prevent sticking.

4 Coat a large non-stick sauté pan with cooking spray and heat over medium-high. Working in batches if

necessary, once pan is hot add meatballs, leaving about 1-cm (1/2-inch) space between them. Cook for 1 to 2 minutes or until browned on the bottoms. Roll meatballs onto other side and brown evenly, 1 to 2 minutes. Remove meatballs from pan.

5 Add remaining chicken broth to pan and bring to a simmer. In a small bowl, mix evaporated milk with arrowroot, then stir into chicken broth. Cook and stir for about 10 seconds, then return meat-

balls to pan, then place pan in oven and bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until meatballs are cooked through.

6 Transfer meatballs to a serving platter. Insert short skewers into each meatball. Set sauté pan over medium heat and cook sauce for 1 to 2 minutes or until slightly thickened. Spoon sauce over meatballs and serve with cranberry sauce.
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Modern love in a digital world

Romance. We used to fly banners through the sky to get our loved one's attention, but now there's Facebook — it's faster and a lot cheaper

YLVA
VAN BUUREN
For Metro

When Jodi Brown finally decided to accept Matt Peacock's wedding proposal, the social media aficionado wanted to say 'yes' in a way that was unique, memorable and "fit with who I am."

Jodi is vice-president of marketing and interactive at Metro News, has two boys, Jaden, 14, and Callum, 9, and she's a huge fan of social media.

Metro readers are likely familiar with Jodi — she shared her cancer story in the paper last fall (and she's doing great now!).

After hearing a social media expert talk about how you can micro-target advertising messages on Facebook, she decided she would accept Matt's proposal digitally by creating a Facebook ad that would be guaranteed to be read by him.

"By using 'targeted qualifiers,' you can actually target the campaign to reach just a few people," Jodi said.

Matt is the love of her life. They hit it off instantly when they met at a business function in September 2010.



Jodi Brown, Metro's vice-president of marketing and interactive, left, is pictured with her fiancé, Matt Peacock. CONTRIBUTED

"We both have high-energy personalities ... we're outgoing and active and we love to travel. And, we have the same goals," she said.

But after dating for two months, Jodi was diagnosed with breast cancer. She thought he might not stick around because of it but that wasn't the case.

Matt stayed by her side through surgery and treatment. Since moving in with Jodi and her kids last July, he has proposed a few times.

"Yes I'll Marry You Matt" was the headline Jodi used in the Facebook advertising campaign along with a picture and a short blurb about how she felt.

While she figured it might take him a week to see, it took Matt just five minutes on the day the campaign was launched to notice it on his Facebook page.

"Then it took him 10 minutes to update his relationship to engaged," Jodi said.

She says the campaign ran just for the one day, and seven people including Matt saw it an average of 12 times each. At the end of the day, the campaign cost her three cents in total — for every thousand times the ad showed up, the price was one dollar.

Since the ad appeared, the couple has received hun-

dreds of messages of congratulations and advice on Facebook.

Now they are pinning down the date (either September 2012 or May 2013) and starting to plan.

"And of course, social media will play a role in the planning of the wedding ... there's just no way it won't," Jodi said.

Pinterest

Jodi Brown has also started a wedding board on Pinterest. Check it out at pinterest.com/luckyjodi/jodi-matt-s-wedding-ideas

Incest or normal?

Bobbi Kristina's relationship raises some questions

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Bobbi Kristina. GETTY IMAGES

Whitney Houston's 19-year-old daughter, Bobbi Kristina, has confirmed the rumour that she and her 'adopted' brother, 22-year-old Nick Gordon, are dating.

The proof came after the seemingly loved up couple were spotted putting on a very public PDA during a lunch break in Atlanta, openly kissing, laughing and holding hands.

If Twitter is anything to go by, they have been close for some time. Last November she tweeted: "I love sleeping with big brudder (: only person that helps my insomnia B!! Hah (: #teamfamilial"

She then added fuel to the flame on March 13 by retweeting: "I'm glad @REALbkBrown has sumone like @ndgordon by her side to support and see her thru this difficult time, haters fallback."

Almost simultaneously, Gordon told ABC news he and Bobbi Kristina were just "close" but the diamond ring sparkling on her wedding finger suggests otherwise.

Under normal circumstances, we'd be thrilled for Bobbi Kristina. She's still mourning her mother's death and being surrounded by loved ones will help her get through this painful process. Having moved in with the Houstons when he was 12 years old (his parents could no longer provide for him) Gordon is part of Brown's support network. The two grew up like brother and sister. Or did they?

Who are we to know

what their relationship is like? Someone who should know is Brown's maternal grandmother, Cissi Houston. According to celebrity website TMZ, she disapproves of the relationship, describing it as incestuous.

But is it?

Not really, says relationship expert Ian Kerner.

"It's not incest in the conventional sense. There is no shared blood between them. No real health barrier. Siblings have a bond from birth whereas Gordon was already a grown boy when he moved in with them," he tells Metro.

The romance comes less than a month after the Whitney Houston's tragic death.

"My guess is that there always was an attraction there but as long as Whitney was alive, there was an unsaid barrier stopping them from becoming romantically involved. Her death removed a major obstacle. In the end, the combination of grief and them needing one another could have brought them together," says Kerner.

Even if their relationship is OK, getting engaged seems a little extreme.

"They just need to make sure they are not sacrificing their friendship for the sake of a short term romance," he adds.

Whatever sparked their relationship, Bobbi Kristina is a teenager who recently lost her mother; she's bound to be craving love and affection.

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What if I've moved? File your taxes according to the address where you were living on Dec. 31 of the tax year.

What if I've experienced a major life event? If you've had a child, experienced a death in your immediate family, got married, separated or divorced, there are

special tax considerations for your situation, so consult with a professional tax advisor.

What if I'm behind on my taxes? Get on it! By law, you must file a yearly tax return. The longer you let it go, the more complicated it gets.

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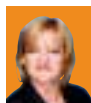
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YOUR MONEY
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'Tis the season for travel.

It's the time of year when many families head south for the beach or the slopes and shopping, especially now with the loonie lingering near par.

Sadly, we're limited when it comes to enjoying some of the best U.S. deals. I recently bought my favourite wine, J. Lohr Paso Robles Cab, for a mere 12 bucks at Target. The same vino in Canada will set you back \$20 or more. But we can still only

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Another great source are the newspapers' websites. They are far richer with coupons than in Canada. Also, visit store websites. Last week, I took advantage of a two-day only 20 per cent off any purchase at



There's nothing quite like a good deal. ISTOCK

Chico's and a similar deal at Macy's. Some stores are strict about having the coupon in hand but when I left my Macy's offer in the printer, the check-out person swiped one she had at the counter to give me the discount.

Finally coupon sites have proliferated in the U.S., over 500 at last count. Here are five top websites, according to the Wall Street Journal:
- CouponCabin.com
- RetailMeNot.com
- SmartSource.com
- Coupons.com (mainly grocer-

ies, also I couldn't load it with my Safari browser but could with Firefox).

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If you are intending to do some serious shopping be sure to start your deal search before you leave Canada or you might end up clipping or printing a coupon that only kicks in when you're at the airport heading home.

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The saying that it takes a village to raise a child takes on a new meaning when that village is a hostile and brutal place.

No one knows this better than Walter Ojok-Acii, a northern Ugandan native who grew up amid wretched poverty, watching school-age friends, relatives and classmates forced to serve the country's rebellion as sex slaves, work slaves and child soldiers. Some were as young as five.

Because of the horror he witnessed and the racism he later endured, Ojok-Acii's dream of working as a human rights lawyer would only grow stronger as his resilience and resolve took hold.

Today, thanks to the University of Toronto's Internationally Trained Lawyers Program (ITLP), a bridge program that helps immigrant lawyers qualify to practise law in Canada, the 32-year-old is well on his way to realizing his dream. He is currently interning with the criminal division of the Ministry of the Attorney General in Eto-

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• In the three years since the program's inception, about 100 students representing more than 26 different nations have been enrolled in the comprehensive portion of the program.

• Students have come from Singapore, Mexico, Israel, Belarus, Trinidad and the United States.

bicoke and expects to write the bar exams this June.

"I have not forgotten my tough past, but also have not allowed my struggles to conquer my hope," Ojok-Acii wrote in an email about his inspiring story. "This is a journey of hope and determination."

Ojok-Acii's story is representative of the journey many of the program's students take, says program director Gina Alexandris.

"We're very moved by the circumstances and the journey a lot of our internationally trained lawyers have gone through," she says. "And the strength and the courage they have as they pursue their dreams to get qualified."



Walter Ojok-Acii

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20s SOLANGE KNOWLES

A mix of punchy colour, playful pattern and a carefree approach to jewellery creates a look that's sophisticated, not stuffy.

A knockout hue pumps up an otherwise prim top.

Brose silk top, \$288, marikabrose.com

Bright beads and twisted textures score extra style points.

Fab Accessories 18K gold-plated Brass bracelet with faceted glass beads, \$48, fabaccessories.com

Good things happen when an eye-popping print meets a simple shape.

J.Crew Café Capri wool-silk blend pants in Jewel Jacquard, \$230, jcrew.com

Candy coloured knuckle-dusters are a major thing.



Carole Tanenbaum Vintage Collection pink cocktail ring, \$400, yellow Selro ring, \$400, and yellow-green enamel ring, \$550, caroletanenbaum.com

30s HEIDI KLUM

Fresh shades and prints that pop are easy ways to wake up those I-want-to-wear-them-everywhere jeans.

Think oodles more stylish than a T-shirt, but just as comfy.

Robert Graham Kalie silk top, \$198, 877-717-7466

Faded-wash denim is most stylish when it's cuffed and cropped.

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Be it a bag or shoes, there's always room for another pint-size hit of print.



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40s SARAH JESSICA PARKER

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"I just want to make sure that I am getting better and feeling better each game."

Penguins star Sidney Crosby, who says he is pleased with his progress since returning to the lineup following a three-month layoff, Crosby collected five assists during Pittsburgh's three-game road trip through New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia that saw the Penguins pull within a point of the Eastern Conference-leading Rangers with three weeks to go in the season.



Peyton Manning, left, takes a tour with Denver Broncos executive John Elway, right, and coach John Fox on March 9. AP PHOTO/THE DENVER POST

Manning picks the Broncos

NFL. Work underway on finalizing deal between former Colts QB and Denver

The Denver Broncos got their Man. Make that Peyton Manning.

Pending final contract negotiations, Manning will join John Elway's Broncos with hopes of winning another Super Bowl.

So much for Tebowmania. Still to be decided is what happens to last season's quarterback sensation, Tim Tebow.

The Broncos and Manning agent Tom Condon spent Monday working out parameters of a deal expected to be worth about \$95 million over five years after the NFL's only four-time MVP called Elway, the Broncos' revered QB-turned-executive, and told him he had decided to come to Denver.

Tennessee Titans owner Bud Adams also said Manning let him know that he had picked the Broncos. Adams released a statement Monday confirming the Titans were out of the running and later said to The Tennessean: "He called me himself

and told me he wasn't coming, that he made his mind up to go with Denver."

Besides the Titans, the San Francisco 49ers had been a finalist in the chase for Manning, who turns 36 on Saturday and missed all of 2011 because of multiple neck surgeries.

ESPN first reported the record-setting quarterback instructed his agent to negotiate the details of a deal with the Broncos, less than two weeks

after the Indianapolis Colts released him rather than pay a \$28-million bonus.

"I think it's a great place for him," Broncos defensive end Robert Ayers said outside the Broncos' complex. "I don't think he made a bad decision. I think he made a great decision. Hopefully we can prove him right and hopefully we can win a lot of games here."

Despite being sidelined all of last season, Manning's suc-

cess in the past — the Colts averaged a 12-4 record from 2001-10 — made him by far this off-season's top potential signing and perhaps the most desired free agent ever.

He was wooed to Denver by Hall of Fame quarterback Elway, who led the Broncos to two Super Bowl championships and now serves as their vice-president of football operations.

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Analysis

Opportunity trumps Tebowmania

The images were indelible for Denver fans or anyone watching on TV as Tebowmania swept the nation.

On the sidelines, Tim Tebow was Tebowing after scoring yet another late touchdown. In his box upstairs, John Elway was trying his best to look excited about a quarterback he could barely stand to watch.

It was a shotgun marriage from the beginning, this unlikely pairing of a Hall of Fame passer with a quarterback

who never seems comfortable in the pocket. Now they are likely to divorce, because with Peyton Manning coming aboard there's going to be a different kind of mania sweeping the mile-high city.

For that, Bronco fans can thank the good people running the Indianapolis Colts. Without Manning on the open market, Elway likely would have been

forced by popular demand to keep Tebow. Manning gave him an opening, and Elway reacted like the gambling quarterback he once was in landing the kind of quarterback he always wanted.

The move was brilliant, assuming Manning is healthy and remains healthy. That's a big assumption, but Vegas oddsmakers quickly gave it their stamp of approval, lowering the odds of the Broncos winning the Super Bowl from as high as 50-1 to 10-1.

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Baseball

Knee problems will likely send Utley back to DL

Chase Utley will likely start the season on the disabled list for the second straight year because of problems with both knees.

The five-time All-Star second baseman left camp to see a specialist, and it's uncertain when he'll be ready to play for the Philadelphia Phillies.

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Soccer

Bolton player Muamba shows signs of recovery

English soccer player Fabrice Muamba began breathing independently and responding to family members on Monday, showing significant signs of recovery in intensive care two days after suffering a cardiac arrest during a match.

The 23-year-old Bolton midfielder collapsed on the pitch just before halftime at Tottenham on Saturday. Initial attempts to resuscitate him were unsuccessful, and his heart started beating on its own again only later in the hospital.

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NHL

Preds GM expects Radulov soon

The Nashville Predators believe Alexander Radulov is ready to return to the NHL.

General manager David Poile released a statement Monday saying that "every indication" is that Radulov will rejoin the Predators in the "near future."

Radulov spent two seasons with the Predators before bolting to the newly formed KHL in 2008 even though he had one year remaining on his entry-level contract with Nashville.

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NFL

Panthers add a running back

The Carolina Panthers have added more depth to their already deep stable of running backs.

The Panthers announced Monday they've signed free agent Mike Tolbert from the San Diego Chargers.

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State of Madness

Basketball. Ohio is first state to send four teams to NCAA round of 16

Stirred by a pep talk from the school president, the Ohio Bobcats applauded themselves in the locker room and celebrated their trip to the NCAA tournament's round of 16 by chanting: "We are Ohio!"

Not a bad March motto for the whole state.

The nation's 17th state is the first to send four teams to the NCAA's round of 16 — the Bobcats, Ohio State, the University of Cincinnati and Xavier. The four come from different conferences and play different styles, but have gone a combined 8-0 in the tournament.

Beware the Buckeyes — all of them.

"It's super for Ohio basketball," former Ohio State star Jerry Lucas said in a phone

interview on Monday. "It's always been good, and will always be good. This whole region has traditionally had great basketball. To see Ohio be the first to have four in the Sweet 16 — that's great."

Seven other states have managed to get three teams into the round of 16, according to STATS LLC: Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Texas, California, North Carolina, Kansas and Tennessee. Ohio has topped them all.

No state has ever had a better opening week in the tournament.

Ohio State of the Big Ten lived up to its No. 2 seed by beating Loyola, Md., and Gonzaga. The Mid-American Conference's Ohio University got a 13th seed and became the tournament's latest mid-major darling.

The Bobcats knocked off Michigan in their first game, then beat South Florida to get to the round of 16 for the first time since 1964.

Meanwhile, Cincinnati and Xavier — the city rivals who brawled on the court in December — took big strides in refurbishing their seasons and reputations.

The Big East's Bearcats knocked off Texas and Florida State to reach the round of 16 for the first time since 2001 under coach Bob Huggins. No. 10 seed Xavier, the only Atlantic 10 team left, beat Notre Dame and Lehigh to reach the regional semifinals for the fourth time in five years.

Some of their neighbours are coming along. Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky are supplying seven of the final 16 teams this weekend, another numerical measure of the area's rich college basketball tradition.

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Interstate showdown

At least one Ohio school will be gone on Thursday.

- Ohio State plays Cincinnati in Boston, a rematch on the 50th anniversary of the Bearcats beating the Buckeyes in the national championship game for the second year in a row.



Walter Offutt, left, of the Ohio Bobcats shoots past Evan Smotrycz of Michigan last Friday. JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES FILE



Tu Holloway of Xavier reacts late in last Friday's game against Notre Dame. STREETER LECKA/GETTY IMAGES FILE



Sean Kilpatrick, far right, of the Cincinnati Bearcats celebrates with teammates after defeating Florida State on Sunday. KEVIN C. COX/GETTY IMAGES FILE



Ohio State cheerleaders and mascot Brutus perform during Saturday's game against Gonzaga. JARED WICKERHAM/GETTY IMAGES FILE

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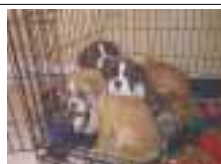
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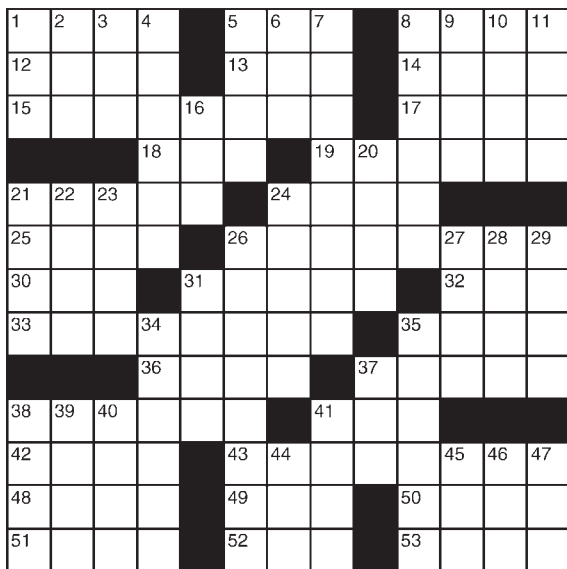
Across

- 1 Tire-changing aid
5 Spring mo.
8 Got bigger
12 Shaving cream additive
13 Fish eggs
14 Greek vowel
15 Fundraising events
17 Toe woe
18 Shell game item
19 Make money (from)
21 Ill-tempered one
24 "Groovy!"
25 Go sightseeing
26 Try to touch your toes, maybe
30 Blackbird
31 Logic
32 Raw rock
33 Sodium — (food preservative)
35 Tarzan's transport
36 Not all mine
37 "America's Next Top —"

- 38 Man's hat style
41 It's between jay and el
42 Egg
43 C-note
48 Toll road
49 CSA leader
50 Fence opening
51 Coaster
52 — out a living
53 Formerly, formerly
5 Met melody
6 Cauldron
7 Answer
8 Male escort
9 Santa's runaway
10 Needle case
11 1/746 horse-power
16 Not many
20 Took the train
21 Impale
22 Sharpen
23 Destroy
24 Small change
26 Not too bad
27 Null partner
28 Sea eagle
29 Spool
31 Tart to the taste
34 Sped

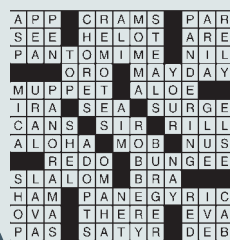
Down

- 1 Poke
2 Brewery product
3 Opposed to
4 Big enough fish, maybe



- 35 Trip
37 Army rank (Abbr.)
38 Dandies
39 Satanic
40 Carolina campus
41 Dangling site
44 "A mouse!"
45 Scratch the surface
46 "— Impossible"
47 Butterfly catcher

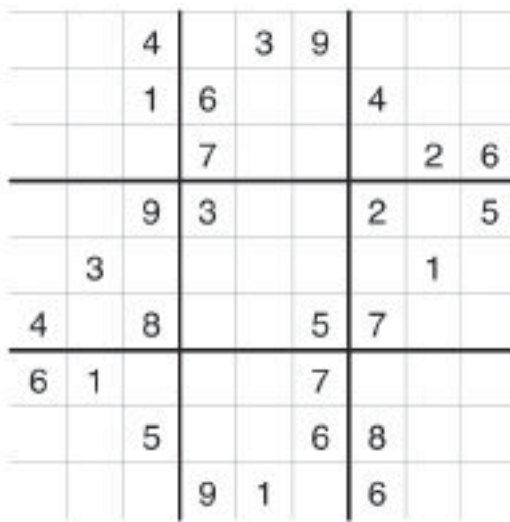
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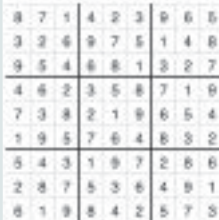
Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Monday's answer



Send a kiss

- **My Angel** Remember every time your gaze at the beautiful stars, that I am as well. And every time I do, I'm thinking of you. We used to dance in a gazebo by the ocean to our favourite tunes. I miss your touch and your love. I'm forever with you in my heart. From Tristan
- **mylizz** This time its all my swag out the window! Don't you ever think about us with warm memories? Remember when you put your arms around me as I played 'fast car' for you?, or when we were so taken with each other we missed our stop and ended up on the other side of the city? Or our hair freezing on our way to Boom after a hot shower :P?! I just can't shake it all! Can you? I need closure, one more day, one more night with you! From hopelessly hoping
- **To:Strange-I dont Understand.** I may know the answer to your questions, if you're looking for me of course... which seems so improbable..but I posted something on here thursday. Is it a White Honda Civic and today was a nice day for a walk. From Just a guy

Horoscope

- ♈ **Aries** | March 21 - April 20.
With the Sun moving into your birth sign this is the perfect time to let go of all those things that are holding you back.
♉ **Taurus** | April 21 - May 21.
You will find yourself up against someone today who is at best unhelpful and at worst downright hostile.
♊ **Gemini** | May 22 - June 20.
You may not be able to get your own way today but is that really a bad thing?
♋ **Cancer** | June 21 - July 22.
You are determined to prove yourself, and you will.
♌ **Leo** | July 23 - Aug. 22. The Sun

- moves in your favour today, making it easier to develop your own ideas and your own way of doing things.
♍ **Virgo** | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.
Don't take anything on trust. Sometimes, like now, it can pay to be a bit suspicious.
♎ **Libra** | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. The effort you have put into a project of some kind has not been wasted.
♏ **Scorpio** | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.
By all means set yourself a new target today but don't make it so way out there that failure is more likely than not.
♐ **Sagittarius** | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. If you are too critical of a friend or colleague today you might

- turn them against you, so keep that wagging Sag tongue of yours under control!
♑ **Capricorn** | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20. If you find yourself at odds with someone you live or work with today it might be best to back off and let them have the last word.
♒ **Aquarius** | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. If someone offers to do you a favour today make sure you know what they expect of you in return.
♓ **Pisces** | Feb. 19 - March 20. If you get the chance to make some money in a way that is not entirely in line with your principles you would be wise to turn it down. There are many ways to be rich. SALLY BROMPTON



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